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experience with the penicillins show any positive evidence of "here are, however, no adequate pregnant women showing contraindication to these drugs on the fetus can I reproduction studies are not response, this drug should be if clearly needed." s are excreted in human milk, when penicillin G is administered.

is excreted largely unchanged completely developed renal function will be slow. Use caution and evaluate organ systems.

xicity but does have a significant following hypersensitivity skin rashes ranging from maculopapular; urticaria; and angioedema, headache, fever, pain. Severe and rare reactions (see "WARNINGS").

thrombocytopenia, nephropathy observed adverse reactions to high intravenous dosage, severe thrombocytopenia with penicillin (10 million to 100 million given fatal potassium poisoning) is present. Hyperkalemia may be indicative of this disc arrest may also occur, may result in congestive heart failure.

on has been reported in pa-

including convulsions, may HCP levels of beta-lactamase use medication, treat symptomatic measures as required, dialyzable.

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(1) Strains of Streptococcus,

-hemolyticus, pneumoniae, emm, meningitis and other \leq 5 million units daily.

may be used in the treatment, but because of the hospitalization is recommended.

will be determined by a minimum of 5 million units.

IV drip of 20-30 million units intramuscularly or IV drip of 20-30 million

units/day for cerebrofacial or thoracic and abdominal

n units/day; penicillin is

infections of pharynx, oral area—5-10 million

Streptobacillus moniliformis, 3-4 weeks.

gastroenteritis).

units/day.

million units/day for 2

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million units/kg in chil-

Approx. Desired Concentration (units/ml)	Approx. Volume (ml)	Solvent for Vial of 5,000,000 units	Infusion Only 20,000,000 units
50,000	20.0	—	—
100,000	10.0	—	—
200,000	4.0	18.2	75.0
500,000	1.6	8.2	33.0
750,000	—	4.8	—
1,000,000	—	3.2	11.5

dro) intramuscularly mixed with 600,000 units procaine penicillin G (600,000 units for children) should be given one-half to one hour before the procedure. Oral penicillin V (phenoxymethyl) penicillin, 500 mg for adults or 250 mg for children less than 60 lb, should be given every 6 hours for 8 doses. Doses for children should not exceed recommendations for adults for a single dose or for a 24 hour period.

Reconstitution

The following table shows the amount of solvent required for solution of various concentrations. (See table above.)

When the required volume of solvent is greater than the capacity of the vial, the penicillins can be dissolved by first injecting only a portion of the solvent into the vial, then withdrawing the resultant solution and combining it with the remainder of the solvent in a larger sterile container. Buffered Pfizerpen (penicillin G potassium) for injection is highly water soluble. It may be dissolved in small amounts of Water for injection, or Sterile Isotonic Sodium Chloride Solution for Parenteral Use. All solutions should be stored in a refrigerator. When refrigerated, penicillin solutions may be stored for seven days without significant loss of potency. Buffered Pfizerpen for injection may be given intramuscularly or by continuous intravenous drip for dosages of 500,000, 1,000,000, or 5,000,000 units. It is also suitable for intrapleural, intratracheal, and other local instillations. The 20,000,000 UNIT DOSAGE MAY BE ADMINISTERED BY INTRAVENOUS INFUSION ONLY.

(1) **Intramuscular injection.** Keep total volume of injection small. The intramuscular route is the preferred route of administration. Solutions containing up to 100,000 units of penicillin per ml of diluent may be used with a minimum of discomfort. Greater concentration of penicillin G per ml is physically possible and may be employed where therapy demands. When large doses are required, it may be advisable to administer aqueous solutions of penicillin by means of continuous intravenous drip.

(2) **Continuous Intravenous Drip.** Determining the volume of fluid and rate of its administration required by the patient in a 24-hour period in the usual manner for fluid therapy, and add the appropriate daily dosage of penicillin to this fluid. For example, if an adult patient requires 2 liters of fluid in 24 hours and a daily dosage of 10 million units of penicillin, add 6 million units to 1 liter and adjust the rate of flow so that the liter will be infused in 12 hours.

(3) **Intrapleural or Other Local Infusion.** If fluid is aspirated, give infusion in a volume equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ the amount of fluid aspirated, otherwise, prepare as for intramuscular injection.

(4) **Intrathecal Use.** The intrathecal use of penicillin in meningitis must be highly individualized. It should be employed only with full consideration of the possible irritating effects of penicillin when used by this route. The preferred route of therapy in bacterial meningitis is intravenous supplemented by intrathecally injection.

Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration whenever solution and container permit.

Sterile solution may be left in refrigerator for one week without significant loss of potency.

HOW SUPPLIED

Buffered Pfizerpen (penicillin G potassium) for Injection is available in vials containing, respectively 5,000,000 units/vials \times 10's (NDC 049-0520-SD), 5,000,000 units \times 100's (NDC 049-0523-95), 20,000,000 units \times 1's (NDC 049-0530-28), and a bulk pharmaceutical package of 20,000,000 units \times 10's (NDC 049-0530-83) of dry powder for reconstituting; buffered with sodium citrate and citric acid to an optimum pH.

Each million units contains approximately 6.8 milligrams of sodium (0.3 mEq) and 66.6 milligrams of potassium (1.6 mEq).

Store the dry powder below 65°C (30°C).

REFERENCE

- American Heart Association 1977. Prevention of bacterial endocarditis. Circulation, 55:139A-143A.

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SINEQUAN®

[sin'uh-kwān]

[doxepin HCl]

Capsules

Oral Concentrate

DESCRIPTION

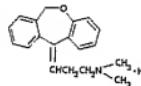
SINEQUAN® (doxepin hydrochloride) is one of a class of psychotherapeutic agents known as dibenzocycloheptene compounds. The molecular formula of the compound is $C_{12}H_{17}NO \cdot HCl$ having a molecular weight of 316. It is a white crystalline solid readily soluble in water, lower alcohols and chloroform.

Inert ingredients for the capsule formulations are: hard gelatin capsules (which may contain: Blue 1, Red 3, Red 4, Yellow 10, and other inert ingredients); magnesium stearate; sodium lauryl sulfate; starch.

Inert ingredients for the oral concentrate formulation are: glycerin; methylparaben; peppermint oil; propylparaben; water.

CHEMISTRY

SINEQUAN (doxepin HCl) is a dibenzocycloheptene derivative and is the first of a family of tricyclic psychotherapeutic agents. Specifically, it is an isomeric mixture of 1-Propenamine, 3-dibenz[f,k]oxepin-11(H)hydride-N,N-dimethyl-, hydrochloride.



SINEQUAN (doxepin HCl)

ACTIONS

The mechanism of action of SINEQUAN (doxepin HCl) is not definitely known. It is not a central nervous system stimulant nor a monoamine oxidase inhibitor. The current hypothesis is that the clinical effects are due, at least in part, to influences on the adrenergic activity at the synapses so that denervation supersensitivity of the adrenergic nerve terminals is prevented. Animal studies suggest that doxepin HCl does not appreciably antagonize the antihypertensive action of guanethidine. In animal studies anticholinergic, antiserotonergic and antihistaminic effects on smooth muscle have been demonstrated. At higher than usual clinical doses, norepinephrine response was potentiated in animals. This effect was not demonstrated in humans.

At clinical doses up to 150 mg per day, SINEQUAN can be antagonized by guanethidine and related compounds without blocking the antihypertensive effect. At dosages above 150 mg per day blocking of the antihypertensive effect of these compounds has been reported.

SINEQUAN is virtually devoid of euphoric as a side effect. Characteristic of this type of compound, SINEQUAN has not been demonstrated to produce the physical tolerance or psychological dependence associated with addictive compounds.

INDICATIONS

SINEQUAN is recommended for the treatment of:

- Psychoneurotic patients with depression and/or anxiety.
- Depression and/or anxiety associated with alcoholism (not to be taken concomitantly with alcohol).
- Depression and/or anxiety associated with organic disease (the possibility of drug interaction should be considered if the patient is receiving other drugs concomitantly).
- Psychotic depressive disorders with associated anxiety including involutional depression and manic-depressive disorders.

The target symptoms of psychoneuroses that respond particularly well to SINEQUAN include anxiety, tension, depression, somatic symptoms and concerns, sleep disturbances, lack of energy, fear, apprehension and worry. Clinical experience suggests that SINEQUAN is safe and well tolerated even in the elderly patient. Owing to lack of clinical experience in the pediatric population, SINEQUAN is not recommended for use in children under 12 years of age.

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CONTRAINDICATIONS

SINEQUAN is contraindicated in individuals who have shown hypersensitivity to the drug. Possibility of cross sensitivity with other dibenzepine should be kept in mind. SINEQUAN is contraindicated in patients with glaucoma or a tendency to urinary retention. These disorders should be ruled out, particularly in older patients.

WARNINGS

The once-a-day dosage regimen of SINEQUAN in patients with intermittent illness or patients taking other medications should be carefully adjusted. This is especially important in patients receiving other medications with anticholinergic effects.

Liquorice and Caffeine

The use of SINEQUAN on a once-a-day dosage regimen in geriatric patients should be adjusted carefully based on the patient's condition.

Usage in Pregnancy

Reproduction studies have been performed in rats, rabbits, monkeys and dogs and there was no evidence of harm to the animal fetus. The relevance to humans is not known. Since there is no experience in pregnant women who have received this drug, safety in pregnancy has not been established. There has been a report of spasms and drowsiness occurring in a number of infants whose mother was taking SINEQUAN.

Usage in Children

The use of SINEQUAN in children under 12 years of age is not recommended because safe conditions for its use have not been established.

PRECAUTIONS*Drug Interactions*

Drug Metabolized by P450 2D6: The biochemical activity of the drug metabolizing enzyme cytochrome P450 2D6 (debrisoquin, hydroxylation) is reduced in a subset of the caucasian population (about 7-10% of caucasians are so-called "poor metabolizers"; reliable estimates of the prevalence of reduced P450 2D6 enzyme activity among Asian, African, and other populations are not yet available). Poor metabolizers have higher than expected plasma concentrations of tricyclic antidepressants when given usual doses. Depending on the fraction of drug metabolized by P450 2D6, the increase in plasma concentration may be small, or quite large (3-fold increase in plasma AUC of the TCA).

In addition, certain drugs inhibit the activity of this enzyme and make normal metabolizers resemble poor metabolizers. An individual who is stable as a given dose of TCA may become abruptly toxic when given one of these inhibiting drugs as concomitant therapy. The drugs that inhibit cytochrome P450 2D6 include some that are not metabolized by the enzyme (quinidine, cimetine) and many that are substrates for P450 2D6 (other antidepressants, phenothiazines, and the like). It is not known if these interactions are predictable and/or reversible. While all of the selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), e.g., fluoxetine, sertraline, and paroxetine, inhibit P450 2D6, they may vary in the extent of inhibition. The extent to which SSR/TCA interactions may pose clinical problems will depend on the degree of inhibition and the pharmacokinetics of the SSRI involved. Nevertheless, caution is indicated in the co-administration of TCAs with any of the SSRIs and also in switching from one class to the other. Of note, the half-life of TCAs is often longer than before initiating TCA treatment in a patient being withdrawn from fluoxetine, given the long half-life of the parent and active metabolite (at least 5 weeks may be necessary).

Concomitant use of tricyclic antidepressants with drugs that can inhibit cytochrome P450 2D6 may require lower doses than usually prescribed for either the tricyclic antidepressant or the other drug. Furthermore, whenever one of these drugs is withdrawn from co-therapy, an increased dose of tricyclic antidepressant may be required. It is desirable to monitor plasma levels whenever a TCA is going to be co-administered with another drug known to be an inhibitor of P450 2D6.

MAO Inhibitors: Serious side effects and even death have been reported following the concomitant use of certain drugs with MAO inhibitors. Therefore, MAO inhibitors should be discontinued at least two weeks prior to the cautious initiation of therapy with SINEQUAN. The exact length of time may vary and is dependent upon the particular MAO inhibitor being used; the length of time it has been administered, and the dosing interval.

Cimetidine: Cimetidine has been reported to produce clinically significant fluctuations in steady-state serum concentrations of various tricyclic antidepressants. Serious anticholinergic symptoms (e.g., severe dry mouth, urinary retention and blurred vision) have been associated with elevations in the serum levels of tricyclic antidepressant when cimetidine therapy is initiated. Additionally, higher than expected tricyclic antidepressant levels have been observed when they are begun in patients already taking cimetidine. This is not recommended for initiation of treatment.

Anti-anxiety effect is apparent before the antidepressant effect. Optimal antidepressant effect may not be evident for two to three weeks.

Antidepressants receiving concurrent cimetidine therapy, discontinuation of cimetidine has been reported to decrease established steady-state serum tricyclic antidepressant levels and compromise their therapeutic effects.

Alcohol: It should be borne in mind that alcohol ingestion may increase the danger inherent in any intentional or unintentional SINEQUAN overdose. This is especially important in patients who may use alcohol excessively.

Tolazamide: A case of severe hypoglycemia has been reported in a type II diabetic patient maintained on tolazamide 0.5 gm/day 11 days after the addition of doxepin (75 mg/day).

Since drowsiness may occur with the use of this drug, patients should be warned of the possibility and cautioned against driving a car or operating dangerous machinery while taking the drug. Patients should also be cautioned that their response to alcohol may be potentiated.

Suicide

Since suicide is an inherent risk in any depressed patient and may remain so until significant improvement has occurred, patients should be closely supervised during the early course of therapy. Prescriptions should be written for the smallest feasible amount.

Psychosis

Should increased symptoms of psychosis or shift to manic symptomatology occur, it may be necessary to reduce dosage or add a major tranquilizer to the dosage regimen.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

NOTE: Some of the adverse reactions noted below have not been specifically reported with SINEQUAN use. However, due to the close pharmacological similarities among the tricyclics, the reactions should be considered when prescribing SINEQUAN (doxepin HCl).

Anticholinergic Effects: Dry mouth, blurred vision, constipation, and urinary retention have been reported. If they do not subside with continued therapy, or become severe, it may be necessary to discontinue the drug.

Central Nervous System Effects: Drowsiness is the most commonly noticed side effect. This tends to disappear as therapy is continued. Other infrequently reported CNS side effects are confusion, delirium, hallucinations, numbness, paresthesias, ataxia, extrapyramidal symptoms, seizures, tardive dyskinesia, and tremor.

Cardiovascular Effects: Cardiovascular effects including hypertension, hypertension, and tachycardia have been reported occasionally.

Allergic: Skin rash, edema, photodermatitis, and pruritis have occasionally occurred.

Hematologic: Eosinophilia has been reported in a few patients. There have been occasional reports of bone marrow depression manifesting as agranulocytosis, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, and purpura.

Gastrointestinal: Nausea, vomiting, indigestion, taste disturbances, diarrhea, anorexia, and aphthous stomatitis have been reported. (See anticholinergic effects.)

Endocrine: Raised or lowered libido, testicular swelling, gynecomastia in males, enlargement of breasts and galactorrhea in females, and changes in blood glucose and sugar levels are symptoms of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion that have been reported with tricyclic administration.

Other: Dizziness, tinnitus, weight gain, sweating, chills, fatigue, weakness, flushing, jaundice, alopecia, headache, exacerbation of asthma, and hyperpyrexia (in association with chlorpromazine) have been occasionally observed as adverse effects.

Withdrawal Symptoms: The possibility of development of withdrawal symptoms upon abrupt cessation of treatment after prolonged SINEQUAN administration should be borne in mind. These are not indicative of addiction and gradual withdrawal of medication should not cause these symptoms.

DOSEAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

For most patients with illness of mild to moderate severity, a starting daily dose of 75 mg/day is recommended. Dosage should be increased in 25 mg increments at appropriate intervals and according to individual response. The usual optimum dose range is 75 mg/day to 150 mg/day.

For more severely ill patients higher doses may be required with subsequent gradual increases to 300 mg/day if necessary. Additional therapeutic effect is rarely to be obtained by exceeding a dose of 300 mg/day.

In patients with very mild symptomatology or emotional symptoms accompanying organic disease, lower doses may suffice. Some of these patients have been controlled on doses as low as 10 to 50 mg/day.

The total daily dosage of SINEQUAN may be given on a divided or once-a-day dosage schedule. If the once-a-day schedule is employed the maximum recommended dose is 150 mg/day. This dose may be given at bedtime. The 150 mg capsule strength is intended for maintenance therapy only and is not recommended for initiation of treatment.

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OVERDOSAGE

- A. Signs and Symptoms
 1. Mild: Drowsiness, stupor, dryness of mouth.
 2. Severe: Respiratory depression, convulsions, cardiac arrhythmia. Also: urinary retention (bladder), gastrointestinal motility (paralytic), hypothermia, hypertension, reflexes.
- B. Management and Treatment
 1. Mild: Observation and support usually necessary.
 2. Severe: Medical management; overdosage consists of oxygen. If the patient is unconscious, primate precautions to prevent should be performed even though the patient is intubated. The use of tracheostomy equipment is recommended. If the patient is conscious and able to swallow, 4 oz of carbonated water with saline for 24 hours may be administered; if carbonated ventilation need not be required for several days. If the patient is comatose, intubation and mechanical ventilation should be initiated. The use of diazepam, phenothiazines, and CNS stimulants is contraindicated in adults. In young children, however, the use of phenothiazines and/or salicylates. Reversal of metabolic acidosis may be required. Convulsions may respond to anticonvulsant therapy; however, if any respiratory depression, diuresis generally are not an indication of overdosage due to high lipid solubility of SINEQUAN.

HOW SUPPLIED

SINEQUAN® is available as capsules containing HCl equivalent to:

10 mg—100's (NDC 0662-5340-10);
25 mg—100's (NDC 0662-5340-25);
50 mg—100's (NDC 0662-5340-50);
75 mg—100's (NDC 0662-5340-75);
100 mg—100's (NDC 0662-5340-100).

100 mg—50's (NDC 0662-5370-50);
150 mg—50's (NDC 0662-5370-150).

SINEQUAN® Oral Concentrate (NDC 0662-5100-47) with 10 mg/5 mL.

10 mg/5 mL (NDC 0662-5340-10);
25 mg/5 mL (NDC 0662-5340-25);
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HOW SUPPLIED

ELAVIL Injection is available in ready to use 20 mL ampules, 50 mL infusion vials, and 100 mL infusion vials containing 10 mg/mL of propranolol.
 10 mL ampules (NDC 0310-0290-20)
 50 mL infusion vials (NDC 0310-0290-50)
 100 mL infusion vials (NDC 0310-0290-11)

Proprietary unipropionate esterification, in the presence of oxygen, and is therefore packaged under nitrogen to eliminate this degradation path.

temperature below 22°C (72°F). Do not store below 4°C (40°F). Refrigeration is not recommended. Shake well before use.

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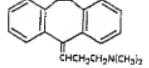
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AVIL®

amitriptyline HCl,
 tablets and injection

DESCRIPTION

Amitriptyline HCl is 3-(10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[*b,d*]cycloheptene-2-ylidene)-*N,N*-dimethyl-1-propenoimino hydrochloride. Its empirical formula is $C_{18}H_{23}N_3 \cdot HCl$ and its structural formula is:



Amitriptyline HCl, a dibenzocycloheptene derivative, has a melting point of 183.87°. It is a white, odorless, crystal compound soluble in alcohol and soluble in water.

AVIL (Amitriptyline HCl) is supplied as 10 mg, 25 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg, and 150 mg tablets and as a suspension for intramuscular injection.

Inert ingredients of the tablets are calcium phosphate, cellulose, colloidal silicon dioxide, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, lactose, magnesium stearate, starch, sodium citrate, titanium dioxide. Tablets ELAVIL 10 mg also contain D&C Yellow 1. Tablets ELAVIL 25 mg also contain D&C Yellow 10, FD&C Blue 1, and FD&C Yellow 6. Tablets ELAVIL 75 mg also contain D&C Yellow 10, FD&C Yellow 6 and Iron E. Tablets ELAVIL 100 mg also contain FD&C Yellow 6, FD&C Blue 2 and C Red 40. Tablets ELAVIL 150 mg also contain FD&C Blue 2 and FD&C Yellow 6. Each milliliter of the sterile syrup contains:

tricyclic hydrochloride..... 10 mg
 rose..... 44 mg
 rose oil for injection..... 1 mL

as preservatives:
 paraben..... 1.5 mg
 sorbic..... 0.2 mg

IONS

VIL is an antidepressant with sedative effects. Its mechanism of action is not known. It is not a monoamine oxidase inhibitor and it does not act primarily by stimulation of central serotonergic systems. Tricyclic hydrochloride inhibits the membrane pump mechanism responsible for uptake of norepinephrine and serotonin in sympathetic and serotonergic neurons. Pharmacologically VIL may potentiate or prolong neuronal activity since one of these biogenic amines is important physiologically transmitting neurotransmitter activity. This interference the reuptake of norepinephrine and/or serotonin is believed to some to underlie the antidepressant activity of VIL.

CATIONS
 A relief of symptoms of depression. Endogenous depression more likely to be alleviated than are other depressives.

INDICATIONS

It is contraindicated in patients who have shown hypersensitivity to it.

It should not be given concomitantly with monoamine oxidase inhibitors. Hypertensive crises, severe convulsions, and hallucinations in patients receiving tricyclic antidepressants and monoamine oxidase inhibitors are drug interactions.

When it is desired to replace a monoamine oxidase inhibitor with ELAVIL, a minimum of 14 days should be allowed after the former is discontinued. ELAVIL then be initiated cautiously with gradual increase in optimum response is achieved.

It is not recommended for use during the acute phase following myocardial infarction.

WARNINGS

ELAVIL may block the antihypertensive action of guanethidine or similarly acting compounds. It should be used with caution in patients with a history of seizures and, because of its antiepileptic action, in patients with a history of urinary retention, angle-closure glaucoma or increased intracranial pressure. In patients with angle-closure glaucoma, even average doses may precipitate an attack.

Patients with cardiovascular disorders should be watched closely. Tricyclic antidepressants drugs, including ELAVIL, previously given in high doses, have been reported to produce arrhythmias, tachycardia, and prolongation of the conduction time. Myocardial infarction and stroke have been reported with drugs of this class. Close supervision is required when ELAVIL is given to hyperthyroid patients or those receiving thyroid medication. ELAVIL may enhance the response to alcohol and the effects of barbiturates and other CNS depressants. In patients who may use alcohol excessively, it should be borne in mind that the potentiation may increase the danger inherent in any suicide attempt or overdose. Delirium has been reported with concurrent administration of amitriptyline and disulfiram.

Usage in Pregnancy: Teratogenic effects were not observed in mice, rats, or rabbits when amitriptyline was given orally at doses of 2 to 40 mg/kg/day (up to 13 times the maximum recommended human dose*). Studies in the literature have shown amitriptyline to be teratogenic in mice and hamsters when given by various routes of administration at doses of 28 to 100 mg/kg/day (9 to 33 times the maximum recommended human dose), producing multiple malformations. Another study showed that an oral dose of 25 mg/kg/day (8 times the maximum recommended human dose) produced delays in ossification of fetal vertebrae and other signs of embryotoxicity. In rabbits, an oral dose of 60 mg/kg/day (20 times the maximum recommended human dose) was reported to cause incomplete ossification of the cranial bones.

Amitriptyline has been shown to cross the placenta. Although a causal relationship has not been established, there have been a few reports of adverse events, including CNS and limb deformities, and developmental delay, in infants whose mothers had taken amitriptyline during pregnancy. There are no adequately controlled studies in pregnant women. ELAVIL should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit to the mother justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Nursing Mothers: Amitriptyline is excreted into breast milk. In one report in which a patient received amitriptyline 100 mg/day while nursing her infant, levels of 83-141 ng/mL were detected in the mother's serum. Levels of 135-151 ng/mL were found in the breast milk, but no trace of the drug could be detected in the infant's serum.

Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from amitriptyline, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother.

Usage in Children: In view of the lack of experience with the use of this drug in children, it is not recommended at the present time for patients under 12 years of age.

PRECAUTIONS

Schizophrenic patients may develop increased symptoms of psychosis; patients with paranoid symptomatology may have an exacerbation of such symptoms. Depressed patients, particularly those with known manic-depressive illness, may experience a shift to mania or hypomania; in these circumstances the dose of amitriptyline may be reduced or a major tranquilizer such as perphenazine may be administered concurrently.

The possibility of suicide in depressed patients requiring until significant remission occurs. Potentially suicidal patients should not have access to large quantities of this drug. Prescriptions should be written for the smallest amount feasible.

Concurrent administration of ELAVIL and electroshock therapy may increase the hazards associated with such therapy. Such treatment should be limited to patients for whom it is essential.

When possible, the drug should be discontinued several days before elective surgery.

Both elevation and lowering of blood sugar levels have been reported.

ELAVIL should be used with caution in patients with impaired liver function.

Drug Interactions: Drug Metabolized by P450 2D6—The therapeutic activity of the drug metabolizing isozyme cytochrome P450 2D6 (debrisoquin hydroxylase) is reduced in about 10% of the population. About 70% of Caucasians are so called "poor metabolizers". The prevalence of reduced P450 2D6 enzyme activity among Asian, African and other populations are not yet available. Poor metabolizers have higher than expected plasma con-

centrations of tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs) when given usual doses. Depending on the fraction of drug metabolized by P450 2D6, the increase in plasma concentration may be small or quite large (6-fold increase in plasma AUC of the TCA).

In addition, certain drugs inhibit the activity of this isozyme to make normal metabolism less efficient. These include: P450 2D6, the increase in plasma concentration may be small or quite large (6-fold increase in plasma AUC of the TCA). While all the selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) inhibit P450 2D6, they may vary in the extent of inhibition. The extent to which SSRI-TCA interaction will affect clinical problems will depend on the degree of inhibition and the pharmacokinetics of the SSRI involved. Nevertheless, caution is indicated in the coadministration of TCAs with any of the SSRIs and also in switching from one class to the other. Of particular importance, sufficient time must elapse before initiating TCA treatment in a patient being withdrawn from a tricyclic, given the long half-life of the parent and active metabolites (up to 5 weeks may be necessary).

Concomitant use of tricyclic antidepressants with drugs that inhibit cytochrome P450 2D6 may require lower doses than usually prescribed for either the tricyclic antidepressant or the other drug. Furthermore, when another drug is withdrawn from co-therapy, an increased dose of tricyclic antidepressant may be required. It is desirable to monitor TCA plasma levels whenever a TCA is going to be coadministered with another drug known to be an inhibitor of P450 2D6.

Muscarinic Anticholinesterase Inhibitor—see CONTRAINDICATIONS section. Gastrointestinal or urolitholytic accompanying therapy; alcohol, barbiturates or other CNS depressants and desulfuramycin—see WARNINGS section.

When ELAVIL is given with entonox/entacaine agents or symathomimetic drugs, including epinephrine combined with local anesthetics, close supervision and careful adjustment of dosages are required.

Hypertension has been reported when ELAVIL is administered with anticholinergics or with neuroleptic drugs, particularly during hot weather.

Paralytic ileus may occur in patients taking tricyclic antidepressants, particularly anticholinergic-type drugs. Cimetidine is reported to reduce hepatic metabolism of certain tricyclic antidepressants, thereby delaying elimination and increasing steady-state concentrations of these drugs. Clinically significant effects have been reported with the tricyclic antidepressants when used concomitantly with cimetidine. Increases in plasma levels of tricyclic antidepressants, and to the frequency and severity of side effects, particularly anticholinergic, have been reported when cimetidine is administered to the same regimen. Discontinuation of cimetidine in well-controlled patients receiving tricyclic antidepressants and cimetidine may decrease the plasma levels and efficacy of the antidepressant.

Cautio is advised if patients receive large doses of ethchlorvynol and 75-150 mg of ELAVIL. Information for Patients: While on therapy with ELAVIL, patients should be advised as to the possible impairment of mental and/or physical abilities required for performance of hazardous tasks, such as operating machinery or driving a motor vehicle.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Within each category the following adverse reactions are listed in order of decreasing severity. Included in the listing are adverse reactions which have not been reported with this specific drug. However, pharmacological similarities among the tricyclic antidepressants drugs require that each of the reactions be considered when amitriptyline is administered.

Cardiovascular: Myocardial infarction; stroke; nonspecific ECG changes and changes in AV conduction; heart block; arrhythmias; hypertension, particularly orthostatic hypotension; syncope; hypertension; tachycardia; palpitation.

CNS and Neuromuscular: Coma; seizures; hallucinations; delusions; confusion; drowsiness; somnolence; incoordination; ataxia; tremors; peripheral neuropathy; paresthesia; tingling; and paresis of the extremities; extrapyramidal symptoms, including ophthalmoplegia; involuntary movements and tardive dyskinesia; dystonia; disturbed coordination; excitement; anxiety; insomnia; restlessness; nightmares; drowsiness; dizziness; weakness; fatigue; headache; syndrome of inappropriate ADH (antidiuretic hormone) secretion; tinnitus; alteration in EEG patterns.

Anticholinergic: Paralytic ileus; hypersecretion; urinary retention; distention of the urinary tract; constipation;

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